



Treating Animals
Protecting Livelihoods

I have been a supporter of SPANA for many years, but it was only after joining the Veterinary Committee in 2002 and seeing SPANA's work in the field at first hand that I realised the true value of what it does.

Wherever I went I found enthusiastic and dedicated teams working to high standards, often in difficult and challenging circumstances. The need to treat sick and injured animals was always apparent, but I had underestimated how vital working animals were for both family and community. I also realised that many of the clinical problems, particularly those caused by ill-treatment and neglect, arose more through ignorance than ill-will – something that could be tackled not just by educating the owners but by teaching children, as future citizens, to respect animals and look after them properly. I shall not forget, during a recent visit to Mauritania, observing enthralled children in a SPANA classroom while outside there was a long line of water-carrying donkeys patiently awaiting their turn for expert veterinary attention. This combination of veterinary care and education is, for me, something unique to SPANA, and must be safeguarded.

Looking back over past months to when the recession was deepening, it seemed that some

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of our overseas operations were seriously vulnerable. Yet the generosity of our supporters was maintained, with the result that our work was able to continue virtually unscathed. Also, there were instances of particular generosity that enabled us to develop new initiatives. In these turbulent times one cannot be certain what the future will bring, but I feel we are securely placed to refine our objectives, explore new opportunities and move forward with optimism. We have an obligation to our supporters to ensure that the most effective use – in terms of animal welfare – is made of the financial support we receive. We must also strive to inform and reassure them, and there is no better recent example of this than the use of the internet to show what is happening, minute by minute, through webcams at our busy refuge in Marrakech. **This is SPANA in a nutshell.**

Dr Roger Curtis

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I think everyone accepts that the last year has been a difficult year – for the world in general, with political scandals, wars, earthquakes and hurricanes – but all made worse by the underlying global economic crisis.

Naturally, this has had an enormous effect on the Charity world. Understandably, when people have lost their jobs, or are concerned about their pensions and savings, then they are less willing or able to give to charity. This has had a devastating impact on many organisations, so it is with some considerable pride that we have been able to maintain all our major programmes and projects intact – just!

Because we operate internationally, we have been hit by a currency problem. Britain’s recession has been longer and deeper than other European economies, so the currencies we have to buy to fund our programmes have cost much more. This year, just

to provide the same overseas funds as last year, will cost us an extra £200,000.

Yet we want to actually expand – there is so much to do, and so many requests for our help – so we ask our amazing supporters once more for their help.

For me, it is always humbling the way they respond. Perhaps we are particularly lucky in having supporters who are not only loyal, but understand in depth the work we do, and the importance of it for so many animals and people around the world.

Jeremy Hulme
Chief Executive, SPANA

SPANA's policy of providing animal health care services free at the point of delivery to poor communities continued in 2009.

Working in eight less developed countries in Northern Africa and the Middle East SPANA teams carried out over 361,000 treatments and interventions, including 283,000 in equids. We treated 60,000 wounds; other frequently treated problems included were respiratory



Ethiopia, 2009

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diseases (14,000), lameness (12,000) and skin conditions (11,000). We also treated more than 1,000 cases of tetanus and 700 cases of Epizootic Lymphangitis (in Ethiopia). SPANA teams distributed 1,500 new bits and over 4,000 noseband protectors (made by supporters). The majority of animals were treated for more than one condition or received more than one intervention, illustrating the multifactorial problems affecting many of the animals we treat.

In 2009 SPANA's links with veterinary pharmaceutical and equipment companies continued to expand. A donation of equipment from *Kruuse*, a regular supporter of SPANA, equipment including dressings, dental and surgical equipment allowed SPANA teams in Mali, Mauritania and Ethiopia to replace older equipment and add to the range of treatments offered. The *British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) Trust*, through its members, donated tetanus vaccines to SPANA Mali to enable them to vaccinate all the donkeys in a village close to the capital, Bamako. *Veterinary Endoscopy Services (VES)* have also promised us further assistance in Morocco to improve our diagnostic services, particularly where we are involved in local vet student training.

SPANA continues to monitor and evaluate the way in which we work in the various communities, particularly through dialogue with those communities and our local staff to establish the most effective methods. For example workshops in Ethiopian towns with local stakeholders informed our work on the best way to deal with abandoned horses in the towns and, in Tunisia, we are in the process of assessing the relative value of the work we do in some of the more urban marketplaces where working equid numbers are starting to decrease.





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SPANA continues to provide further training of our local staff in clinical and management matters, aiming to maximise the level of appropriate veterinary care we provide. However, we also wish to spread this improved care wider within the countries and provide training opportunities to private and government vets, vet students and technicians as well as allied professionals such as farriers and harness makers.

In 2009 we conducted formal Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses for vets in Morocco and Mauritania, involving invited speakers from the UK. These courses were funded with a grant to SPANA from the *Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) Trust*. We also held training programmes for vets and technicians in Ethiopia, Mali, Syria and Tunisia. Farriery training in Morocco took place in collaboration with the *Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture*.

Veterinary journal and book provision to our overseas offices continued to be provided by the BEVA Trust, whose members also continued to support overseas Veterinary faculties nominated by SPANA with free journal subscriptions.

Our volunteering programme in Morocco continues to be a success in exchanging skills between vets from different backgrounds. In 2009 vet students from Lyon in France worked alongside our team in Mali as part of a collaboration programme and one of SPANA's vets in Morocco was hosted by Liverpool University for a short term training visit.

Vet students from countries where SPANA operate carry out practical training with our staff. These programmes are more formalised in Morocco where all Moroccan vet students have to spend 3 weeks with SPANA as part of their course. This ensures that all students qualify with practical experience of equine veterinary care.

In 2009 SPANA continued to work on raising its profile within the veterinary profession in Europe and



Syria, 2009

elsewhere; these links between veterinary professionals will contribute to improved animal health for working equids worldwide. In September, SPANA had a stand at the annual congress of the *British Equine Veterinary Association* which showcased our work to more than 3,000 participants; one of our Moroccan vets also presented a paper at the Congress. SPANA's Veterinary Director, Karen Reed, also chaired the overseas sessions at the *British Veterinary Association Congress*.

Our links with *Liverpool University Veterinary Faculty* continued through our Chairman Derek Knottenbelt and assistance from the Epidemiology Department in evaluating our work and identifying research questions. In particular, together, we completed the second year of a three year *Wellcome Trust* funded project assessing how best to educate adult equine users in improved health and welfare. SPANA is also developing links with *Colorado State University* in the USA, to assist with work in Ethiopia.

SPANA overseas offices also took part in activities such as open days and lectures to mark World Rabies Day and World Animal Day.

SPANA's Outreach Programme continued to provide support in the form of small grants and advice to animal welfare projects worldwide.

In 2009 grants were provided to projects in Turkey, Peru, South Africa and Indonesia. Our programme in Xingiang, North Western China, alongside WSPA continued to concentrate on providing animal health treatment services via a mobile clinic and training of local vets and students.

SPANA staff were involved in an EU funded meeting on Animal Welfare Legislation in Amman, Jordan, presenting information on our work on licencing and monitoring of the carriage horses in Marrakech, Morocco. In Ethiopia, alongside other animal welfare organisations we are working with the government to develop and implement animal welfare legislation.

In 2009 SPANA has been helping two projects in Zimbabwe working to improve the health of donkeys as the country struggles with economic and political

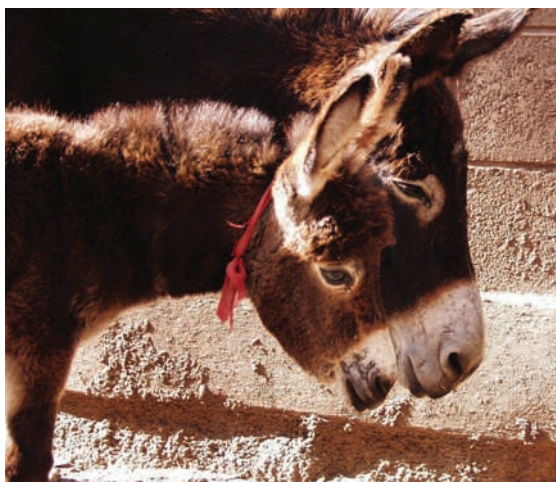
problems. Funding and advice has been provided and support will continue in 2010. At the end of 2009, at the request of the Army, SPANA was preparing to visit Afghanistan to identify how we might be able to assist equine and livestock owners.

2010

We will maintain our work in SPANA's core countries, providing free animal health services and training vets and technicians, and we plan to refine monitoring and evaluation activities to ensure most effective use of our resources.

Senior vets from *Colorado State University* will be visiting Ethiopia to learn more about SPANA's work and how they can assist with future research and education. We will continue to strengthen our links with veterinary institutions and individuals and pharmaceutical and equipment companies.

Emergency programmes in Zimbabwe and Afghanistan will be further developed and SPANA will respond to future emergencies where appropriate.



Mother and foal, Ethiopia, 2009



Overloaded donkey, Morocco, 2009



Some facts and figures about SPANA... In 2009.

We distributed 7,818 doughnut bandages to help relieve the pain caused by pack and saddle sores.



We treated 11,384 multiple wounds.



Rasped the teeth of 16,671 horses, mules and donkeys.

We treated 1,216 whip sores.



We treated 2,260 bit sores and we gave out 1,564 new bits to stop that happening again. We sent the old bits off to the scrap yard.

Found homes for 2,809 abandoned or unwanted cats and dogs.



We handed out 4,159 soft nose bands (our supporters made those out of old bits of fleece).

We trimmed the hooves of 5,456 working animals.



We vaccinated 8,740 animals.



In total, we treated over 360,000 sick and injured animals.

This care goes much further than the welfare of the animal. A healthy working horse, donkey or mule, will provide an income for its owners and their family.

A working animal that is sick or injured can result in the family going to bed hungry instead of having food on the table. SPANA is an animal charity that helps people too.



Syrian children celebrating World Animal Day, 2009

SPANA's education programme is designed to improve children's knowledge and understanding of animals, while at the same time reinforcing the economic benefits that derive from improved animal welfare standards and care.

SPANA's education programme is often the first aspect of SPANA's work to suffer cuts when funding is in short supply, but in 2009, despite the recession and gloomy forecasts, our educational work overseas has continued without any major upset.

In Ethiopia our classrooms now have a steady stream of children being taught about animal welfare.

Pictures and posters decorate the classroom walls and nature tables display interesting items found by the children... examples of bird's nests, shells, and collections of leaves and seeds. Activity books, to accompany the lessons being taught, have been professionally illustrated during the last year and, thanks to the RSPCA International are now being printed in the local language – Amharic. Animal stories, including "Black Beauty", have also recently been translated into Tigrigna and Oromo so they can reach children further afield in the far North and West of the country.

In Jordan and Mali, Syria and Morocco, as in previous years, several teacher training courses have been held. As always, SPANA's aim is not just to deliver information, but instead to inspire and motivate

Therapeutic socialisation for a disabled child

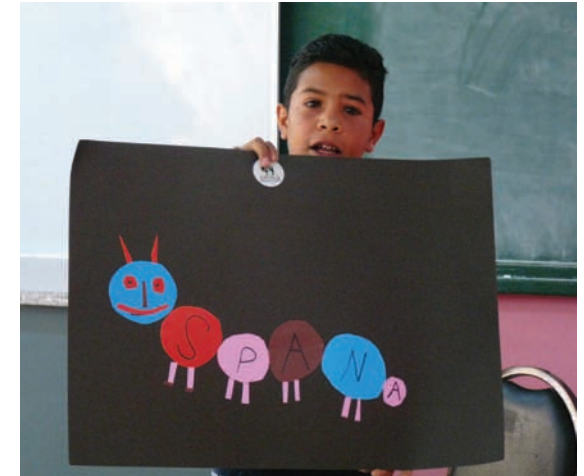


teachers so they are keen to include sympathetic stories and anecdotes about animals in their everyday teaching. The teachers taking part in Syria came from some of the country's ever increasing chain of kindergarten schools and included an official from the Ministry of Education who has been tasked with making additions to the curriculum. Many of SPANA's ideas have now been included in a book which will be distributed countrywide in time for the new school year in September.

SPANAs bus in Tunisia continues on its round of school visits, from the Mediterranean coast in the north of the country to the desert oases of Douz and Kebili in the south.

This is soon to be followed by a similar project in Syria. SPANA has been fortunate to secure sufficient funding from GEF (Global Environmental Facility) and The Body Shop Foundation, plus further funding from some very generous supporters, to create a similar mobile exhibition to the one that has been so successful in Tunisia. A suitable bus has already been located and repairs are underway. The text and illustrations are being created. 15,000 children are expected to benefit from the exhibition each year and this should provide the country with a nucleus of people who are well informed and inspired in the future to give animals the care they need.

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Animals provide a wealth of ideas for teaching children in schools



Fundraising in the current financial climate is a difficult task, so efforts were redoubled in 2009 to enable our programme areas to remain intact while at the same time raising awareness about SPANA and recruiting new supporters. The fact that SPANA has been able to maintain its services for the benefit of working animals and the people who depend on them in these hard times is due to the characteristically selfless support of our loyal and generous donors.

A SPANA trio completed the London Marathon wearing our fabulous 18 kg donkey costumes. Chief Executive, Jeremy Hulme, Communications Director, Simon Pope and SPANA supporter Peter Muffett of DRTV plodded round the 26 mile course, winning a lot of new friends and attention in the process.

We were very honoured to be the charity beneficiaries of the first new "Ivor the Engine" story in thirty years. The one-off tale in aid of SPANA, featuring the heroics of Bluebell the donkey, was written by Dan Postgate (son of the late Oliver Postgate) with wonderful illustrations by Ivor's co-creator Peter Firmin. This gained us substantial media coverage in the run up to Christmas.

During 2009 the SPANA website was given a comprehensive makeover, with changes being made which reflect the most popular issues and pages being visited.

One of the new innovations has been to run a video feed on the website live from our busy refuge in the heart of Marrakech. This gives supporters who may not be able to visit our work in situ the chance to see SPANA in action along with the people and animals we serve.

SPANA is committed to openness about its administration costs and takes its responsibilities regarding donated income very seriously.

We are proud of the fact that for every pound raised/donated, 78p goes straight to our charitable work and 20p goes towards raising another pound to help even more working animals. Just 2p in every donated pound pays for the running costs of the charity.

We are also members of the Fundraising Standards Board, an independent body that will investigate any complaints or concerns from the public about how we raise funds.

BBC's Matt Baker interviewing Peter Muffett during the London Marathon





Trust Donors and Sponsors

The following Trusts and Foundations are just some of those who have helped SPANA continue its work. Thank you for this support.

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SPANA would like to express its gratitude to the following people who remembered SPANA in their Will. These are just a few of the people who kindly left us a bequest in 2009.

Miss Hilda Augusta Emily Branchini
Mrs Janet Fife
Miss Patricia Jean Findlay
Miss Daphne Gladys Freeman
Mr Sidney Albert Gardner
Mr Robert Green
Miss Gwendoline Hilda Heavens
Ms Patricia Holland
Ms Gwendoline Ethel Jessop
Mr Alfred Waterhouse

Outreach 2009/10

SPANA's Outreach scheme supports small-scale projects in many parts of the world, with financial grants and other support such as expert help and training.

China

2009 was our second year of working in Urumqi in Xingiang Province, China in an innovative project funded by WSPA.

Despite recent developments in China, many rural communities still depend on their working animals. Most households in the villages own at least one donkey, which is used to cultivate fields, transport water and carry products to and from market. Working in close co-operation with the local government animal health staff, our team is getting to grips with common diseases and injuries.



Indonesia

Jakarta Animal Aid Network. A SPANA grant will provide veterinary care for some of the 700 carriage horses at work in Jakarta. The project also aims to provide a shelter and water installation for the horses in the future.

Peru

Working out of a rural area in Northern Peru, the Asociacion Humanitaria San Francisco de Asis provides badly needed veterinary care to working animals, livestock and companion animals based out of the town of Colan. Veterinary expertise is provided by volunteers and SPANA's Outreach grant will cover expenses for the project during 2010.

Romania

ASKOD – This is a continuation of SPANA's long relationship with ASKOD which provides spay and neuter treatments to stray cats and dogs in Romania.

South Africa

Society for Animals in Distress – Coal-Yard project – A SPANA grant has provided specialist equipment for the upgraded equine hospital, which treats overworked coal-yard horses and donkeys in the town of Tembisa near Johannesburg.

Peru

Turkey

Afghanistan

Zimbabwe

South Africa

SPANA has permanent operations in eight countries in Africa and the Middle East, running 19 veterinary centres and 21 mobile clinics.

Algeria	Morocco
Tunisia	Jordan
Syria	Mali
Mauritania	Ethiopia



Emergency

SPANA's Emergency programme is designed to provide fast, targeted relief delivered by quick intervention to prevent the unnecessary deaths of valuable working animals and livestock. In recent years, SPANA has been called in to help in Kosovo, Iraq, Southern Lebanon, Zimbabwe, East Africa (2006 Drought) Darfur and Chad.

Zimbabwe

Funding of the Donkey Protection Trust (DPT) in Bulawayo continued amidst hopeful signs of stability returning to this troubled country. The DPT continues to provide veterinary care and assistance to large numbers of working animals in rural areas of Southern Zimbabwe. SPANA has also funded a series of regular veterinary clinics for working animals operated by the AWARE Trust. This new initiative run by Zimbabwean vets Lisa Marabini and Keith Dutlow is providing free veterinary care for sick and injured donkeys, to the town of Gweru in Zimbabwe. Support for the two organisations will continue in 2010, and SPANA will be running training courses in Zimbabwe for many of the individuals involved in animal welfare in this beautiful country.



Afghanistan

Following a request from the British Army in Helmand, Afghanistan, SPANA began work providing training for vets and veterinary workers in the region in early 2010. Working alongside Army vets in Helmand, SPANA's objective is to support the wider "hearts and minds" efforts being made in the area.



The summarised financial statements have been agreed by our auditors, Chantrey Vellacott DFK LLP, as being consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009. These were prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" 2005 and received an unqualified audit opinion.

These summarised financial statements are not the full statutory financial statements and therefore may not contain sufficient information to enable a full understanding of the financial affairs of The Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad. For further information, the full Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts, and the Independent Auditor's report should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained from the registered office. The full financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 April 2010 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission and Companies House.

The auditor has issued unqualified reports on the full annual financial statements and on the consistency of the trustees' report with those financial statements. Their report on the full annual financial statements contained no statement under sections 498(2)(a), 498(2)(b) or 498(3) of the Companies Act 2006.

Independent Auditor's statement to the members of the Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad

We have examined the summary financial statements of The Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad for the year ended 31 December 2009. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The trustees are responsible for preparing the summarised annual report in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summary financial statement within the summarised annual report with the full annual financial statements, the Trustees' Report, and its compliance with the relevant requirements of section 427 of the Companies Act 2006 and the regulations made thereunder.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/3 'The auditor's statement on the summary financial statement' issued by the Auditing Practices Board. Our report on the charity's full annual financial statements describes the basis of our audit opinion on those financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the summary financial statement is consistent with the full annual financial statements of The Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad for the year ended 31 December 2009 and complies with the applicable requirements of section 427 of the Companies Act 2006, and the regulations made thereunder.

CHANTREY VELLACOTT DFK LLP
Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditor

LONDON, 12 April 2010





Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2009

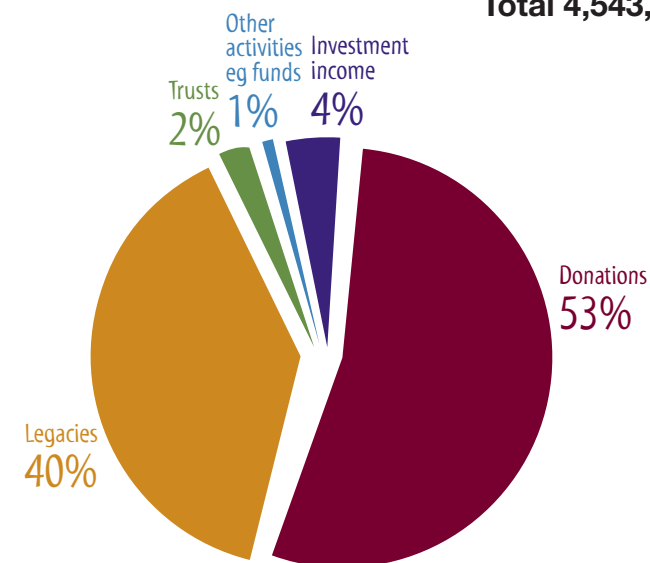
INCOMING RESOURCES: from generated funds	2009 (£)	2008 (£)
Voluntary income		
Donations	2,417,070	1,914,424
Legacies	1,824,869	2,145,770
Trusts	78,784	120,960
	4,320,723	4,181,154
Activities for generating funds	32,876	38,647
Investment income	190,204	259,230
Total incoming resources	4,543,803	4,479,031
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Cost of generating funds		
Cost of generating voluntary income	818,662	745,493
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold	17,292	20,865
Investment management costs	28,369	26,836
	864,323	793,194
Charitable activities		
Treatment of sick and injured animals	1,915,891	2,312,656
Educational activities	1,304,954	1,199,869
	3,220,845	3,512,525
Governance costs	43,891	48,282
Total resources expended	4,129,059	4,354,001
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	414,744	125,030
Realised gains/(losses) on disposal of investments	42,456	(290,081)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) for the year	457,200	(165,051)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	935,153	(959,625)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	1,392,353	(1,124,676)
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2009	7,962,046	9,086,722
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2009	9,354,399	7,962,046

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2009

FIXED ASSETS	2009 (£)	2008 (£)
Tangible assets	1,515,122	1,541,134
Investments	6,894,290	4,792,252
	8,409,412	6,333,386
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock	12,650	1,500
Debtors	143,680	140,266
Short-term deposits	166,023	1,665,226
Cash at bank and in hand	855,976	50,162
	1,178,329	1,857,154
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(233,342)	(228,494)
Net current assets	944,987	1,628,660
Net assets	9,354,399	7,962,046
REPRESENTED BY:		
Unrestricted Funds		
General Fund	4,711,969	4,526,426
Designated Funds	4,461,244	3,297,791
	9,173,213	7,824,217
Restricted Funds	181,186	137,829
Total funds	9,354,399	7,962,046

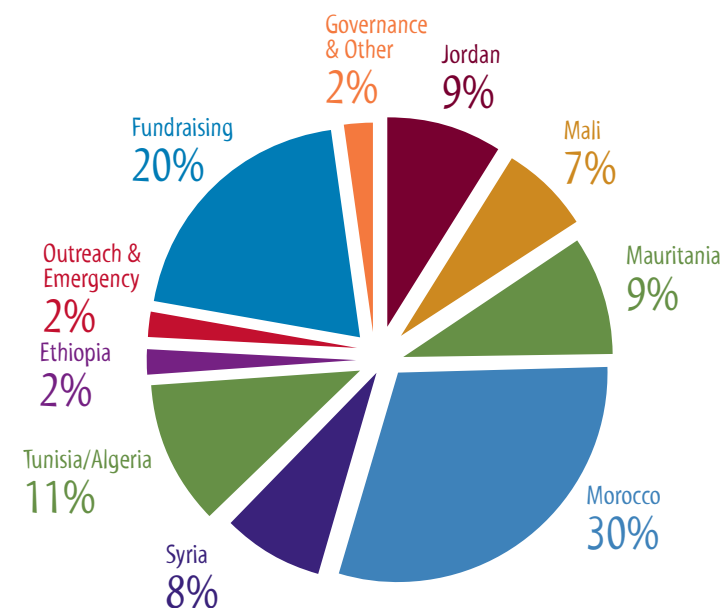
Income 2009

Incoming Resources
Total 4,543,803



Expenditure 2009

Resources Expended
Total 4,129,059





SPANA Founder, Frances Kate Hosali in the 1920's

SPANA is the Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad (formerly known as the “Society for the Protection of Animals in North Africa”).

The charity was founded in 1923 by two English women, Kate Hosali and her daughter Nina, after they witnessed the mistreatment of animals on their travels through North Africa. They vowed to do something about the situation and so Kate returned, as soon as possible, to begin treating them, while Nina set up SPANA back home in London.

At a time when few women even travelled alone, Kate worked both tirelessly and selflessly. Initially her efforts were subject to ridicule, but through hard work and determination, she eventually won the respect and friendship of the local people. A letter she wrote to The Times in 1925, gives a vivid picture of the work she was doing.

“Early on my first morning I went to the market place and treated a donkey’s sore and said the magic word ‘Batel’ (free).

“Before I had finished two more were at my elbow and before I had done those I was in a crowd of Arabs and donkeys. From that moment I never raised my eyes from donkey’s backs. The crowd came and came. I counted up to forty then lost count. There were always six more waiting to be treated. About 1 o’clock the medicine gave out and I had to stop. I got a meal and refill of medicine and at 2 o’clock was back again with the same crowds all afternoon. Next day, exactly the same thing happened and I expect this will continue until they all get cured.”

Kate’s compassion and dedication remains at the heart of SPANA’s work to this day, as we try to improve standards of animal care for the benefit of both animal and owner.

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